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SUBJECT: AUSTRIA AND KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE AT

UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE

PARIS FOR UNESCO

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1. EMBASSY POLCOUN DISCUSSED ON OCT. 1 ISSUE OF POSSIBLE CHALLENGE TO GKR CREDENTIALS AT UPCOMING UNESCO CONFERENCE WITH HEAD OF MFA POLITICAL DEPARTMENT AMBASSADOR STEINER (AT MOMENT SECOND RANKING MFA OFFICIAL) AND ACTING CHIEF MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION MINISTER GLEISSNER. STRONG USG OPPOSITION TO ANY ATTEMPT TO REPLACE GKR BY GRUNK WAS STRESSED AND AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE IN MID-SEPTEMBER TO MFA ON RELATED KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE IN UNGA NOTED. APPROPRIATE LEGAL AND POLITICAL ARGUMENTS FOR CONTINUATION OF SEATING GKR IN UNESCO WERE MADE AND GOA SUPPORT FOR USG POSITION REQUESTED.

2. STEINER RESPONDED THAT MFA WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY CONFIDENTIAL

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PLAN TO CHALLENGE GKR CREDENTIALS AT UPCOMING UNESCO

MEETING BUT THAT IF SUCH DID OCCUR, GOA WOULD, AS
MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, CONTINUE TO OPPOSE REPLACEMENT
OF GKR BY GRUNK AND VOTE AGAINST ANY RESOLUTION CAST
IN SUCH TERMS. GLEISSNER OBSERVED THAT GOA SHARES
USG VIEWPOINT THAT UNESCO, AS SPECIALIZED AGENCY,
SHOULD NOT BE SEIZED WITH POLITICAL QUESTION WHICH
EARLIER UNGA DECIDED TO DEFER AND THAT IN ANY CASE,
ISSUE SHOULD NOT BE RAISED UNTIL 29TH UNGA HAS COMPLETED
CONSIDERATION OF MATTER. IN RESPONSE TO GLEISSNER'S
QUERY, POLCOUN SAID USG WOULD OPPOSE BOTH ON SUBSTANTIVE
AND PROCEDURAL GROUNDS ANY ATTEMPT TO REPLACE GKR
REPRESENTATION IN UNESCO AND THAT USUN, WHICH TOGETHER
WITH WASHINGTON DEVELOPING APPROPRIATE APPROACHES TO
DEAL WITH ISSUE, WOULD PROBABLY BE IN TOUCH WITH AUSTRIAN UN
MISSION ON SPECIFIC TACTICS ON MATTER.HUMES

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